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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADDING OF GREEN, OGGGERHEAD, AND PACIFIC RIDLEY
SEA TURTLES TO U.S. LIST OF ENDANGERED SPECIES

REF: STATE 155105

1. TEXT OF REFTEL WAS PASSED INFORMALLY TO INCHOLS IUCN WHEN RECIEVED.

IUCN IS NOW BEING APPROACHED BY BRITISH FINANCIAL GROUP WITH INT-
EREST IN RESURRECTING CAYMAN ISLAND COMPANY WHICH AS BEEN RAISING
CERTAIN OF THESE SPECIES FOR EMPLASTICIZING FOR SALE AS TOURIST ITEMS

IUCN EXPECTS TO ADVISE AGAINST CONTINUATION OF THIS
PRACTICE BECAUSE OF EFFECT ON NATURAL ADEVELOPMENT OF THESE TURTLE
SPECIES IN THE CARRIBEAN AREA.

2. TEXT OF CABLE PARA 2 STATES THAT TURTLES PROPOSED FOR LISTING AS
"THREATENED SPECIES". IUCN WOULD APPRECIATE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS
CLASSIFICATION AS OPPOSED FOR EXAMPLE TO CLASSIFICATION "ENDANGERED
SPECIES".

3. IUCN INTERPRETATION IS THAT UNDER SECTION IV OF ENDANGED SPECIES
ACT 1973, SECRETARY OF INTERIOR HAS POWER TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF
SECTION IX RELATIVE TO ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST. IUCN ASKS WHEHTER SEC

RETARY INTERIOR INTENDS TO IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF SECTION IX,
AND IF SO, WHICH SUBSECTIONS. OBVIOUSLY, ABILITU TO IMPORT TURTLE
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SPECIMENS INTO U.S. BY TOURISTS WOULD BE MAJOR ELEMENT IN

SUCCESS OF GAYMAN CAOMPANY.

4. IUCN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY OTHER INPLICATIONS OF NEW
REGULATIONS FOR THIS GROUP OF TURTLES SO FAR AS U.S. IMPORTA-
TION AND USE IF CONCERNED. DALE

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